

## Holographic hydrodynamics at finite coupling

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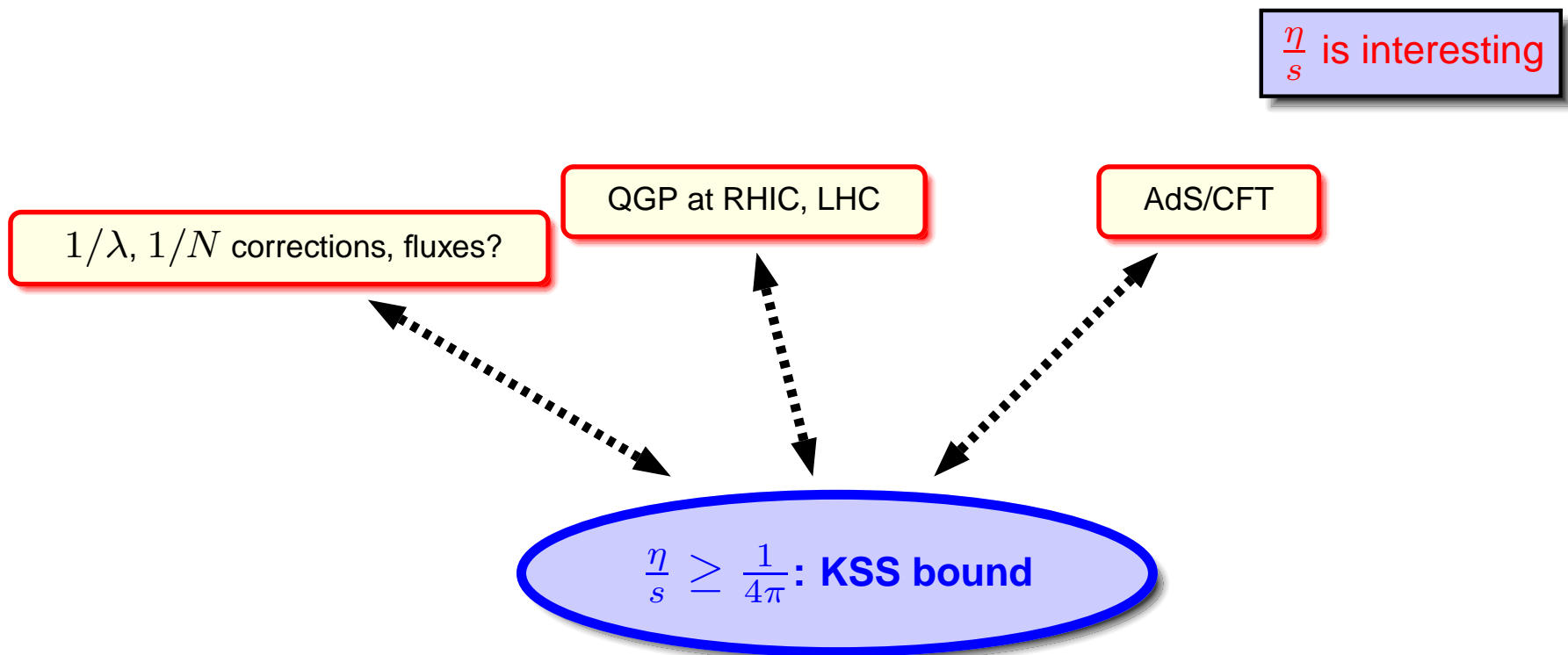
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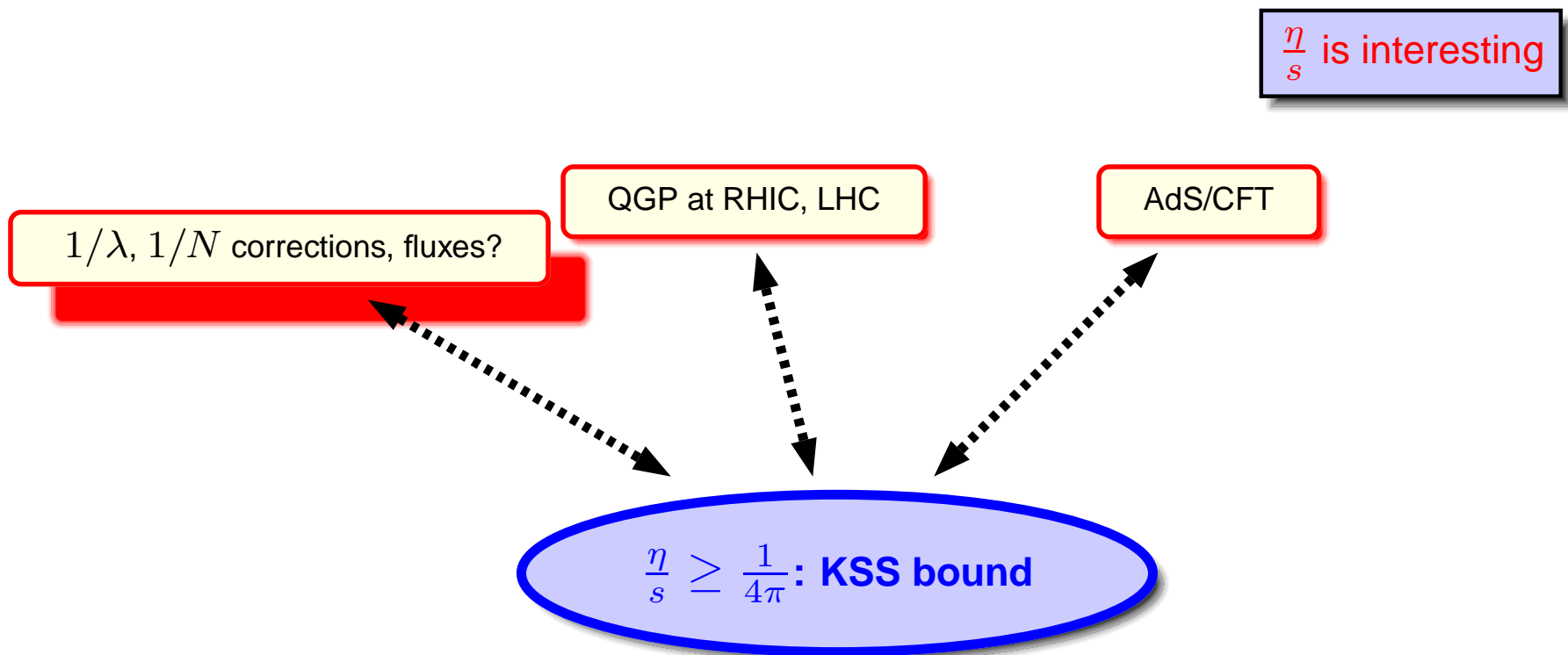
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- For trapped strongly-interacting Fermi gas of Lithium-6 atoms,  $\frac{\eta}{s} > 0.4$  [Schafer, 2007].

## REVIEW OF $\frac{\eta}{s}$

- For  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super-Yang Mills start with gravity dual  $AdS_{BH} \times S^5$

$$ds^2 = \frac{(\pi T L)^2}{u} (-f dt^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2) + \frac{L^2 du^2}{4u^2 f} + L^2 dS_{\mathcal{M}_5}^2$$

$$F_5 = -\frac{4}{L}(1 + \star)\text{vol}_{\mathcal{M}_5}, \quad \mathbf{x} = (x, y, z). \quad (1)$$

Here  $f = 1 - u^2$ . Horizon  $u = 1$ , boundary  $u = 0$ .

- Add perturbation  $h_{xy} = \phi(u)e^{-i\omega t}$ . Solve resulting differential equation with incoming boundary conditions at the horizon ( $\omega/T \ll 1$ ).

- Use Kubo formula

$$\eta = -\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} G_{xy,xy}^R(\omega, \mathbf{0}). \quad (2)$$

- Get

$$\boxed{\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}}$$



## QUANTUM CORRECTIONS

- Quantum corrections to this formula are obtained by considering higher derivative  $\alpha'$  and string loop  $g_s$  corrections to IIB string theory.
- Buchel, Liu, Starinets consider the well known  $C^4$  term [Grisaru, Van der Ven, Zanon; Gross, Witten]

$$S_{R^4}^{(3)} = \frac{\gamma}{16\pi G} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-\frac{3}{2}\tilde{\phi}} W_{C^4} \quad (3)$$

$$W_{C^4} = \underbrace{C_{abcd}}_{\text{Weyl tensor}} C^{ebcf} C^{aghe} C^d_{ghf} - \frac{1}{4} C_{abcd} C^{ab}_{ef} C^{ce}_{gh} C^{dfgh}$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{1}{8}\zeta(3)\alpha'^3$ . They obtain

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{15\zeta(3)}{\lambda^{3/2}} \right) . \quad (4)$$

- However, by dimensional analysis there are many, many other terms at the same order  $\alpha'^3$ . What role do these play? What about  $1/N$  corrections in addition to  $1/\lambda$  corrections?

## Flux terms at $\alpha'^3$

- So what are known about other terms? Green and Stahn postulated in 2003 that if only the metric and 5-form are involved then all the terms at  $\alpha'^3$  can be packaged into a neat form

$$S_{\mathcal{R}^4}^{(3)} = \frac{\alpha'^3 g_s^{3/2}}{32\pi G} \int d^{10}x \int d^{16}\theta \sqrt{-g} f^{(0,0)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) [(\theta \Gamma^{mnp} \theta)(\theta \Gamma^{qrs} \theta) \mathcal{R}_{mnpqrs}]^4 + c.c. \quad (5)$$

where  $f^{(0,0)}(\tau, \bar{\tau})$  is a modular form [Green, Gutperle] and the six-index tensor  $\mathcal{R}$  is specified by

$$\mathcal{R}_{mnpqrs} = \frac{1}{8} g_{ps} C_{mnqr} + \frac{i}{48} \nabla_m F_{npqr}^+ + \frac{1}{384} F_{mnp tu}^+ F_{qrs}^{+ tu}, \quad (6)$$

with  $F^+ = \frac{1}{2}(1 + *)F_5$ .

- If other fields are turned on at leading order the above is no longer true since there exists no chiral measure in superspace [Berkovits, Howe, de Haro, Sinkovics, Skenderis].
- If one considers this full set of terms, there are no corrections to the D3-brane solution [Green, Stahn] but if one neglects them, there are corrections [de Haro, Sinkovics, Skenderis].
- So it seems to be crucial not to ignore them!

- Integrating over superspace a very hard job. Need some nice computer package.

Fortunately there is one by Kasper Peeters called Cadabra. Using this it can be shown

[Paulos] that the superspace integral results in 20 independent terms which can be written as

$$C^4 + C^3\mathcal{T} + C^2\mathcal{T}^2 + C\mathcal{T}^3 + \mathcal{T}^4 + c.c., \quad (7)$$

with

$$\mathcal{T}_{abcdef} \equiv i\nabla_a F_{bcdef}^+ + \frac{1}{16}(F_{abcmn}^+ F_{def}^{+mn} - 3F_{abfmn}^+ F_{dec}^{+mn}). \quad (8)$$

Antisymmetry in  $[a, b, c], [d, e, f]$  and symmetry under exchange of triples is implied.

- We will add a deformation  $h_{xy}$ , solve the lowest order eom and use this in the  $\alpha'^3$  terms. A huge simplification occurs since

$$\mathcal{T} = 0. \quad (9)$$

even in the deformed background!

- So only need to consider

$$W_{C^3\mathcal{T}} = \frac{3}{2}C_{abcd}C_{efg}^a C_{hi}^{bf} \mathcal{T}^{cdeghi} + c.c.. \quad (10)$$

The following observation simplifies life a lot. Firstly the lowest order 10-d equations of motion read

$$R_{ab} = \frac{1}{96} F_{ad_1 d_2 d_3 d_4} F_b{}^{d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4} . \quad (11)$$

Further self-duality of  $F$  implies  $R = 0$  and since  $F$  is proportional to the volume-form

$$R_{ab} \propto g_{ab} \quad (12)$$

i.e., the deformed manifolds are Einstein to lowest order with *equal and opposite* curvatures.

Note that to make this observation we don't really care about the actual form of the metric but only that it is of the type

$$A_5 \times \mathcal{M}_5$$

• Now since

$$C_{abcd} = R_{abcd} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}(g_{a[c}R_{d]b} - g_{b[c}R_{d]a})}_{=0 \text{ if indices not all } A_5 \text{ or } \mathcal{M}_5} + \frac{1}{36} \underbrace{R}_{=0} g_{a[c}g_{d]b} \quad (13)$$

and  $R_{abcd}$  has components only along the 5d black hole direction or the 5d compact space direction

$$C \rightarrow C_{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \quad \text{or} \quad C_{s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4}$$

- This means that all the 6 indices lie either in  $A_5$  or in  $\mathcal{M}_5$ . But 3 indices of this contracts into  $F_5$  which also has all indices either in  $A_5$  or in  $\mathcal{M}_5$ . This means that the only possible index structure for  $C^3$  is

$$(C^3)_{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_1 a_2 a_3}$$

- Now in  $C^3 \mathcal{T}$ ,

$$\left( (C^3)_{abc}{}^{def} - 3(C^3)_{[ab}{}^{[fde]}{}_{c]} \right) .$$

and this VANISHES for the above index structure!!!

A bit more detail. Define projection  $P$

$$(PT)_{abc}{}^{def} = T_{abc}{}^{def} - 3T_{[ab}{}^{[def]}{}_{c]}$$

Then find that

$$(PT)_{p_1 p_2 p_3}{}^{p_1 p_2 p_3} = 0$$

The relevant term in action which can correct the eom for  $F_5$  is

$$W_{C^3 T} = (PC^3)_{cdeg hi} F_5^{mncde} F_{5 mn}{}^{ghi}$$

so that in the eom involving  $F_{5 ghi}{}^{mn}$  we deal with

$$(PC^3)_{cdeg hi} F_5^{mncde}$$

This is antisymmetric in  $g, h, i, m, n$ . Since the indices on  $PC^3$  lie only along  $A_5$  or  $M_5$  this means that only  $(PC^3)_{p_1 p_2 p_3}{}^{p_1 p_2 p_3}$  appears and this vanishes.

*NOTE: Susy dictated the tensor structure. With a different set of terms, the eom for  $F_5$  would have been corrected and hence the result for  $\eta/s$ .*

- Given that  $P(C^3)F_5 = 0 = \mathcal{T}$ , it also follows  $\delta W_{C^3\mathcal{T}}/\delta g_{ab}$  and  $\delta W_{C^3\mathcal{T}}/\delta F_5$  vanish.

**We conclude that only  $C^4$  alters the geometry at order  $\alpha'^3$ .**

**$\frac{\eta}{s}$  is only corrected by  $C^4$  at this order.**

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The argument does not care about what  $\mathcal{M}_5$  actually is so long as it is Einstein with equal and opposite curvature to  $A_5$  at leading order. So it applies to  $L_{pqr}$  manifolds.
- The argument is to all orders in the deformation.
- It is thus sufficient to only include the  $C^4$  term in calculating various transport coefficients when discussing the AdS-Schwarzschild  $\times L_{pqr}$  manifold.
- Thus one can probe questions like universality (or does  $\frac{\eta}{s}$  care about what  $p, q, r$  actually are at this order?)
- This argument relied on the product form  $A_5 \times \mathcal{M}_5$  and hence does not apply to R-charged black holes.



One very important type of corrections which are necessary to compute to be able to say anything useful (if at all!) about real world QCD are  $1/N$  corrections.

It turns out that there is a straightforward way in which one can compute the leading  $1/N$  correction.

For this note that  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  symmetry fixes the coefficient of  $C^4$  term to be a modular form. Remarkably [Green, Gutperle] the  $g_s$  perturbative piece comprises only of 2 terms:

$$f_P^{(0,0)} = \frac{\zeta(3)}{8} e^{-3\phi/2} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{3\zeta(3)} e^{2\phi} \right). \quad (14)$$

- Since the dilaton is only sourced at  $\alpha'^3$  we can simply extend the existing result to include this term. This gives

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{15\zeta(3)}{\lambda^{3/2}} + \frac{5}{16} \frac{\lambda^{1/2}}{N^2} + \tilde{f}_{NP} \right)$$

Using  $\lambda = 6\pi$ ,  $N = 3$  this gives  $\frac{\eta}{s} = 0.11$  (changed from 0.08).

Buchel and Liu earlier argued that the ratio is universal for a large class of gauge theories with gravity duals. The question we would like to ask is what is the finite coupling correction if we consider  $L_{pqr}$ . A bit surprisingly the answer turns out to be universal in terms of the gravity variables  $\alpha', g_s$ .

### STRATEGY:

- Reduce 10-d  $C^4$  down to 5-dimensions.
- Resulting action works out to be completely independent of the compact manifold.

Start with formula for d-dimensional Weyl tensor:

$$C_{abcd} = R_{abcd} - \frac{2}{d-2} (g_{a[c} R_{d]b} - g_{b[c} R_{d]a}) + \frac{2}{(d-2)(d-1)} R g_{a[c} g_{d]b} . \quad (15)$$

In the present background with the product form,  $A_5 \times \mathcal{M}_5$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{C}_{abcd} &= C_{abcd} + 10 (g_{a[c} Y_{d]b} - g_{b[c} Y_{d]a}) + 2X g_{a[c} g_{d]b} \\ \tilde{C}_{mnpq} &= \hat{C}_{mnpq} + 2X \hat{g}_{m[p} \hat{g}_{q]n} \\ \tilde{C}_{manb} &= -3Y_{ab} \hat{g}_{mn} - \frac{4}{5} X g_{ab} \hat{g}_{mn}\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

where we have defined

$$\begin{aligned}Y_{ab} &\equiv \frac{1}{24} \left( R_{ab} - \frac{1}{5} R g_{ab} \right) \\ X &\equiv \frac{1}{72} (R + \hat{R}).\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

It will be important in what follows that  $Y$  and  $X$  vanish when evaluated on the leading order supergravity solution and also that  $Y$  is traceless (in general), i.e.,  $Y^a_a = 0$ .

Schematically we get

$$\tilde{C}^4 = C^4 + \hat{C}^4 + \hat{C}^3 X + C^3 Y + C^3 X + \mathcal{O}(Y^2, X^2, XY),\tag{18}$$

Since  $X = Y = 0$  on-shell, we only need to worry about the linear terms in  $X, Y$ . The  $\hat{C}^3 X$  term has the explicit form:

$$4X \left( 2 \hat{C}_{mnpq} \hat{C}^{mp}_{rs} \hat{C}^{nrqs} - \hat{C}_{mnpq} \hat{C}^m_r \hat{C}^p_s \hat{C}^{nrqs} \right). \quad (19)$$

This works out to be zero—these kinds of identities are called **SCHOUTEN** identities and can be proved by antisymmetrizing  $d + 1$  indices in  $d$  dimensions.

Hence, the compact manifold plays no role in the equations of motion. Thus all hydrodynamic quantities will be the same even at finite coupling in terms of the string variables.

## VISCOSITY BOUND VIOLATION

Trace anomaly coefficients for superconformal gauge theories are of 2 types,  $a$  and  $c$ . The conformal anomaly of a four-dimensional QFT takes form

$$\langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle_{CFT} = \frac{c}{16\pi^2} I_4 - \frac{a}{16\pi^2} E_4, \quad (20)$$

where  $c$  and  $a$  are the CFT central charges and

$$E_4 = R_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} R^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2, \quad I_4 = R_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} R^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} - 2R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3} R^2, \quad (21)$$

Until now all results were for theories with  $a = c$  or with adjoint matter only. What about  $a \neq c$ ?

STRATEGY: Use an effective action approach.  $R^2$  terms arise as  $\alpha'$  corrections to DBI action [Bachas, Green, Bain]. Consider an action

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{\kappa^2} R - \Lambda + c_1 R_{abcd} R^{abcd} + c_2 R_{ab} R^{ab} + c_3 R^2 + \dots \right), \quad (22)$$

It was shown by [Kats and Petrov, Brigante et al] that

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{8c_1\kappa^2}{\ell^2} + \dots \right), \quad (23)$$

SO IF  $c_1 > 0$ , viscosity bound is violated. It turns out that holographic Weyl anomaly calculations [Henningson, Skenderis; Nojiri, Odinstov] relates  $c_1 \propto c - a$ . So the question can be turned around:

ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES WHERE  $c - a > 0$  IN A CONTROLLABLE SETTING?

The answer is surprisingly: IN ALL CASES THAT WE KNOW!! [Wecht, Tachikawa; Parnachev, Razamat]

EXAMPLES:

- SU(N) with matter content in  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  susy language  $(n_{adj}, n_{asym}, n_{sym}, n_f) = (2, 1, 0, 1), (1, 2, 0, 2), (1, 1, 1, 0), (0, 3, 0, 3), (0, 2, 1, 1)$ .
- USp(2N) with matter content in  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  susy language  $(n_{adj}, n_{asym}, n_f) = (2, 1, 4), (1, 2, 8), (0, 3, 12)$
- $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFTs with isolated superconformal fixed points [Aharony, Tachikawa].

## DISCUSSION

- Can use only the  $C^4$  term for a variety of calculations of transport coefficients in SYM. Can also use  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  to get quantum corrections in  $\sqrt{\lambda}/N^2$ . For R-charge black holes need the flux terms. More generally need to know the susy completion of  $C^4$  involving other fluxes.
- Hydrodynamics seems to be universal at finite coupling for a large class of theories.
- Adding fundamental matter seems to lead to a  $O(1/N)$  violation—probably concluding that the bound is violated for real world extrapolations is premature since there  $O(1/\lambda^{3/2}) \sim O(1/N)$ .
- Is there a new bound [Brigante, Liu, Myers, Shenker, Yaida]

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{16}{25} \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{????}$$

OR is there no bound

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq 0\text{?????}$$

Please place your bets with me. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.